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NEWS RELEASE: Watch "Touch Down in the Bay Area" Contra Costa County Airports Kicks Off Summer with New Video

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Summer is just around the corner, and that means more activities and events involving the Contra Costa County Airports. Many residents aren't aware that the County has two airports-Buchanan Field and Byron--that provide a wide range of aviation and recreation opportunities. To give the community a look at some of what the airports have to offer, Contra Costa County Airports paired with the County's cable TV station, CCTV, to produce a new video titled "Touch Down in the Bay Area." The short, shareable video highlights the range of activities available through the airports located in Concord and Byron.

Keith Freitas, Director of Contra Costa County Airports, notes this is the first in a series of videos aimed at giving the community a look behind the scenes at the Buchanan Field and Byron Airports. "We are proud of our airports, and the strong economic and community benefits they provide to County residents," Freitas said. "We want to show our neighbors here and beyond the county lines why Buchanan Field and Byron Airports are the best places to 'touch down in the bay area."

General aviation, safety and emergency live-saving services, flight training, skydiving and youth activities are all available through the airport system, with special events taking place throughout the year. Young Eagles events will be held at Buchanan Field on June 20, August 15th and September 19th, where kids aged 8 – 17 who have an interest in flying can take free rides with experienced pilots. Find out more about these events by checking our <u>Airports event</u> calendar.

You can watch the "Touch Down in the Bay Area" video by visiting the <u>Community Resources</u> <u>webpage</u> on the Contra Costa County Airports website, or selecting "Help Me Find" on the County's homepage at <u>www.contracosta.ca.gov</u>. Coming soon, we'll have another video offering, "Learning to Fly," to showcase how you might be able to find your inner-pilot with an introduction to flight school offerings at Buchanan Field and through the Patriot Jet Team excitement at the Byron Airport.

Learn more about what is available at Buchanan Field and the Byron Airport online, or by calling at 844-Fly-To-Us.